

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

OFFICE OF PESTICIDE SERVICES

CERTIFICATION, LICENSING, REGISTRATION & TRAINING SECTION

SUPERVISION OF REGISTERED TECHNICIANS (INCLUDING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND NOT-FOR-HIRE INDIVIDUALS)

1. Registered Technicians are, by definition in the Pesticide Control Act, certified to apply general use pesticides. They are also certified “to apply restricted use pesticides while under the direct supervision of a certified commercial applicator.” (§ 3.2-3900)
2. In the process of preparing to become a Registered Technician, an applicant must receive on-the-job training under the direct on-site supervision of a certified commercial applicator for at least 20 hours. (2 VAC 5-685-50 A 1) This hands-on training is in addition to the required 20 hours of study of the information in the Core Manual. This 40 hours of training is documented on the Registered Technician application by certification of the commercial applicator who provided the required training.
3. In § 3.2-3924(B), relating to the Pesticide Business License, it states “No person may apply or recommend for use any pesticide commercially without a pesticide business license and the employment of a certified commercial applicator responsible for: (i) the safe application of the pesticides; and (ii) providing recommendations for the use of pesticides.” This is our basis for holding commercial applicators responsible for the actions of Registered Technicians in their employ, within a pesticide business.
4. The Virginia Pesticide Control Act does not require supervision of Registered Technicians by a commercial applicator when a pesticide business license is not required and only general use pesticides are used. Example: A government-employee or not-for-hire Registered Technician applying a general use pesticide in the performance of normal job duties is not required to be supervised by a certified commercial applicator.
5. As certified applicators, Registered Technicians can be held legally responsible for their own actions when applying general use pesticides.

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